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DETROITER MOBILE HOMES — ST. LOUIS ENTRY



TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Bill Pavlik, John Pavlik, Jim Pavlik, Bob Smith, Don Betz, Fred Raske, Frank Ester, Jerry McClintic

BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Lee Dolloff (Manager), Bill Wright, Dale Bovee, Larry Hamp, Dick Pawson, Bud Adams.

St. Louis Softball Team Ends Season With 22-3 Win Record

By Lee Dolloff

Detroit Mobile Homes ball team in the St. Louis League defeated Saginaw in two consecutive games on Saturday night August 26th. The pitchers of both clubs hurled brilliantly but the Detroit team won by the scores of 4-1 and 3-2, the second game going extra innings. Ron Horman and Jerry McClintic were our winning pitchers. The team advanced to the State finals held at Ludington and Scottville, Mich. on Labor Day weekend. The first opponent was Lenz Cushman, winners of Region F out of Lansing. Our boys have won three trophies thus far, and these are the City League Championship, the Michigan Chemical Annual Playoffs, and the

Regional. An outstanding record has been chalked up of 22 wins and 3 defeats. In winning the second of their three trophies, the squad topped Townsend-Bennett-Glens and Michigan Chemical Corporation in three straight games, the highlight being our 17 inning, one o'clock in the morning game with Townsend-Bennett-Glens.

Any team winning a regional is allowed by the State Softball Association to pick up two additional players from a team that has been eliminated in the same league. Manager Lee Dolloff has chosen Ron Horman and Mike Tobin, pitcher and infielder respectively, of the Townsend-Bennett-Glen team.

Detroit's other team managed by Sam Peurach played in the Alma City League

this season. Although the championship evaded them, they did win a respectable number of games. Sam says "We could have won them all, but in each game we lost, that big black (dirty gray) crane would come swooping in from the river and pass low over our bench just as we were about to come to bat, and then head back to Pine River." Your reporter actually witnessed this scene at several games and can testify that what Sam says is true. Picture, if you will, big Sam shouting and Charley Agle chasing after the big crane, and the team relaxing on the bench and enjoying the antics of their manager and their number one booster, "Aches and Pains" Charley Agle.

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WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR Anniversary

EDITORIAL

With the completion of the August issue of *Detroit Life*, we rounded out one full year which saw 12 issues go to press. So this month we are celebrating our first anniversary. An anniversary for a paper such as ours presents an opportunity to look back and see what progress has been made the preceding year and to set a goal for the coming year. We of the *Detroit Life* Staff can see that we have made some progress during the year just passed, but we are not unmindful of the fact that it could not have been made without the full support of *Detroit's* Management in making available to us all necessary equipment, time, sources of information, and especially providing for the printing of the paper after the first three issues were mimeographed. We have also had the enthusiastic support of all *Detroit* employees, and can remember of no instance where assistance was asked for and

not willingly given. We have had employees with special talents use these talents for our benefit, such as in photography, cartooning, and art work. These are the things that provide encouragement to the staff, and the occasional compliment on an article or feature provides the inducement to try to make each issue a little better than the one preceding it.

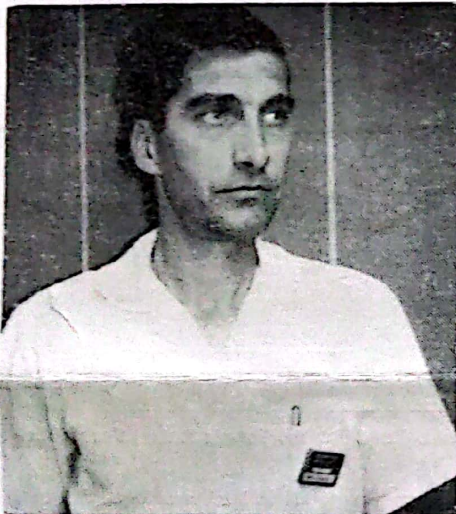
Looking ahead to the coming year, our goal will be to maintain the purpose for which our paper was established, which is to knit more closely together all *Detroit* employees by helping them to know and better understand each other.

With the thought in mind that you might like to see the pictures of those on our staff and have a little information about each one, you will find them included in this anniversary issue.



FLORENCE CLAPP
St. Louis Accounting Dept. Reporter

Florence has been a *Detroit* employee in the Accounting Department for about four years. She resides in Alma, Michigan, with her mother. Florence is an active member of the Alma Business & Professional Women's Club, Rebekah Lodge, and the St. Johns Episcopal Church.



LESTER BEEGHLY
Upfitting Dept. Reporter—Kansas

Lester has been with *Detroit* since August of 1959 and is proud to have been one of the men to help make the first coach produced in the Kansas plant. The Beeghly's consists of Lester, his wife, Vivian, five sons and one daughter.

A good solid Kansan, Lester devotes much of his spare time to Cub Scouting and is Pack Master of Pack No. 325. He is also instructor in Adult Training for Cub Scouting. He also likes to bowl, and carried a 150 average on the *Detroit* team. He has done a lot of flying in the past, and still carries a private license just in case he has the opportunity to fly again.



TED BAXTER
St. Louis Final Department Reporter

Ted has been a *Detroit* employee since September of 1958. He lives in St. Louis with his wife, Phyllis Jean, and two children. Tammy Sue is 3, and Kristy Lyn is 1. What spare time Ted can get is devoted to motorcycling.

A man recovering from an operation said to the doctor "Why are all the blinds drawn?" The doctor replied "There's a fire across the street, and I didn't want you to wake up and think the operation was a failure."

Flatterers are clever and mind readers. They tell us exactly what we think—A. Brandt



BILL CLAGG
St. Louis Reporter at Large

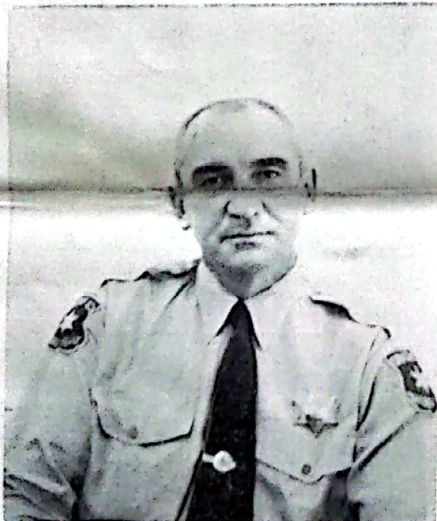
Bill is a Security Department employee and has been on the job for about two years. He lives in Alma with his wife, Mildred, and son Billy who is 12. There is no doubt about what Bill's chief hobby is if you know him. Organic gardening takes up his time from the minute he gets his garden plowed until the first frost. A secondary winter hobby is ice fishing.

**WILLIAM CURRY****Stock Dept. Reporter—Kansas**

Bill Curry was born in Florida, but considers himself a native of Michigan since he moved there in 1936. It was in Michigan that he met and married his wife, Lidy, who came to this country from Franken, Holland, in 1945. Bill and Lidy have two children, Lisa 5, and Jeff 7.

Bill is happy to say that he had been with the Detroit Organization, and Pontiac Coach Co. for eleven years, and that he has always worked in the Shipping and Receiving Department.

Swimming ranks "tops" as the Curry family's favorite pastime. Bill also enjoys bowling, golf, and fishing.

**LEE DOLLOFF****Sports Editor**

Lee became a member of the Detroit family in February of 1960. He lives in Alma with his wife, Dorothy, and two children. "Skip", their son, is 15; and daughter Janice is 13. Lee is a Security Department employee at St. Louis, and his hobbies could be summed up in one word—Sports.

**JACK DECKER****Aviation Department Reporter**

Jack is Detroit's Chief Pilot, and has been with Detroit since Jan., 1957. He lives in Breckenridge, Mich., with his wife, Jean, and son Barry. Jack's hobbies are limited to an occasional fishing trip or game of golf.

**MILDRED GRANT****Mobile Home Finance Company Reporter**

to our Vice President and Director of Sales, F. A. "Mac" McCallum, for a part of the time spent there. Her home is in Drayton Plains, Michigan, where she resides with her husband, James. She enjoys fishing and is an ardent baseball fan.

**MARY GREEN****St. Louis Sales Department Reporter**

Mary has been a Detroit employee for a little over a year. She resides near Riverdale, Mich., with husband Paul and four children. Allen and Bobby are 8, Tommy is 7, and Patty is 3. Mary and Paul share a mutual interest in hot rod racing and own their own hot rod which is seen at Central Michigan hot rod races.

MILDRED GRANT

As far as years of service goes, Mildred is one of our older employees. She has spent three and a half years with the Pontiac Coach Co. and has completed three years with Mobile Home Finance Co. in the New Business Department. While at Pontiac Coach Co. Mildred was Secretary

**EDYTHE HARRIS****Sales Dept. Reporter—Kansas**

Edythe is a native of Oklahoma where she graduated from Northwestern State College at Alva. She taught Commerce and English in high schools at Sylvia and Lewis, Kansas, for several years before her marriage. She came to the Kansas Sales Dept. August 10, 1959, and has the distinction of being the office girl with the most seniority.

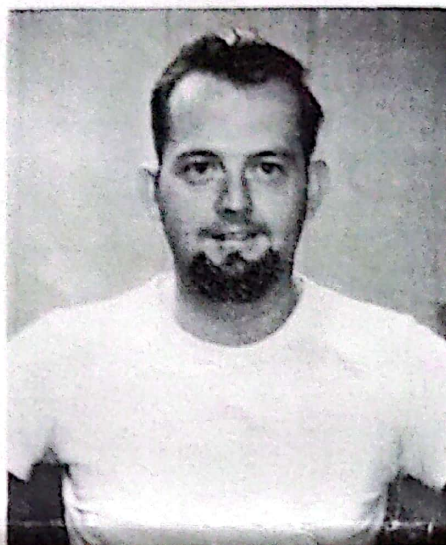
Her family consists of her husband, Harold, and her dog "Butch", who according to Edythe is the "Helm 57 Variety". In her leisure time she enjoys her yard and flower garden.

Edythe and Harold don't have a trophy on their mantle, but they are champions!—of the Kansas Detroit egg throwing contest for 1960 and 1961.

**GERTRUDE MANN**

St. Louis Drapery Department Reporter

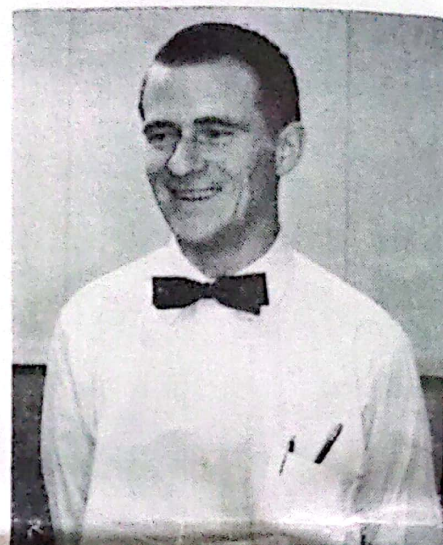
Gerty has been with Detroit for approximately 5 years. She lives in Alma with her husband "Buck", and is very sports minded, leaning a little toward fishing.

**GEORGE MARTIN**

Framing Dept. Reporter—Kansas

to Hutchinson to make their home. George and Melva have two children, Mark age 2, and Mary age 3.

George is an enthusiastic coin collector—he buys—he trades—he sells. He also enjoys a good prairie dog hunt.

**NEIL NELSON**

Sports Reporter—Kansas

He has been with Detroit for about 4 years.

Neil's family consists of his wife, Maurine, one son, Neil Steven age 3, and a tiny daughter, Kathleen Verna age three weeks. For hobbies Neil lists golf, bowling, some badminton and a little tennis.

**ALLAN MCNEFF**

Security Dept. Reporter—Kansas

Allan has been with Detroit since August of 1959, and has the midnight to 8:00 A.M. shift. Before coming to Detroit, Al worked on highway construction.

During the picnic season Al and his wife, Twyla, their seven sons and one daughter, enjoy family picnics. They are quite interested in all phases of church work, and are members of the Evangelical Free Church.

GEORGE MARTIN

George is a native of Buffalo, New York. During his stay in the navy he was stationed at the Hutchinson Navy Base. It was in Hutchinson that he met and married his wife, Melva. Upon leaving the navy the Martin's went "Down New Orleans way" for a time but returned

**EVELYN MAYS**

Assistant Editor—St. Louis

Evelyn has been an employee of St. Louis Agency, Inc. for almost three years. She resides in St. Louis, Michigan, with husband John. A sport enthusiast, Evelyn really gets in there and pulls for the Tigers, Lions, and Red Wings. She is a native of West Virginia and still has a bit of Southern drawl, and calls a paper bag a poke. Says Evelyn "I am 41 and my measurements are 42."

NEIL NELSON

Neil is an Engineer at the Kansas plant, and is a native of Alma, Mich. After graduating from high school, Neil spent two years in the army, and for a short time was employed by Consumers Power Company's Central Division in Alma.

**CHARLES PRINGLE**

St. Louis Framing Dept. Reporter

Charlie has been among us since March of 1955. He lives in St. Louis with his wife, Lois Ann, and two children. Debra Lyn is 6 and Gregory Duane is 4. Charlie's chief hobby is music. He is an accomplished guitarist and is a member of a prominent dance band in the St. Louis area.

Husband hunting is probably the only sport in which the animal that gets caught has to buy the license.

Hunter: "I spotted some leopards this morning."

Guide: "Don't be silly, they're born that way."



WANITA SPENCER
St. Louis Reporter at Large

Wanita is employed in the Personnel Department, and has been there for the past two years. She lives with her parents in rural Crystal and has many hobbies, mostly sports. She also has a flare for writing children's stories, and enjoys reading.

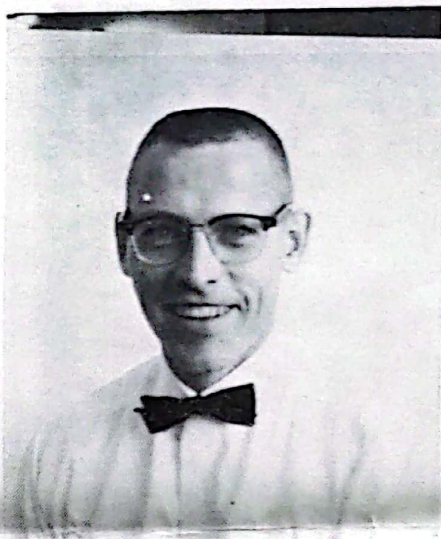


AL THOMAS
Editor

Al has been a Detroit employee since May of 1956, and has been in the St. Louis Accounting Department the entire period. He lives just West of the City of Alma with his wife, Freda, and son Lowell and daughter Linda. A married daughter, Louanne, resides in Battle Creek, Michigan. Al has so many hobbies that hobby time has to be rationed among organic gardening, woodworking, deer hunting, fishing, and golfing.

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DICK WAGGONER
St. Louis Engineering Department Reporter

Dick has been a Detroit employee since June of 1959, but St. Louis has always been his home town. Dick lives in St. Louis with his wife, Helen, and three daughters. Carol is 15, Martha is 12, and Sally is 3. Dick likes to hunt and fish and also is a golfer.



ROBERT D. ZIMMER
Assistant Editor—Kansas

Bob Zimmer is the Personnel Director at Kansas, and a native Kansan. He is a graduate of Fort Hays Teachers College and was the Ass't Mgr. of the Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce before joining Detroit in June of 1959. His family consists of his wife, Evelyn, and their two daughters, Beth age 6, and Nancy age 3. Woodworking is Bob's No. 1 hobby, and much of his handiwork can be seen around his home. Bob also likes gardening, and sports of all kinds.

An Oklahoma oil man was in the dentist's chair for his periodic check-up. "Okay," advised the dentist. "You don't need a thing." "Well, drill anyway," the Oklahoman said, "I feel lucky today."

WELCOME !!!



NEW EMPLOYEES

Name	Department
Donald Brosius	Kansas Metal
Patricia Baker	Mobile Home Finance
John Cameron	St. Louis Mill
Philip Chichester	St. Louis Sales
Jesse Frederick	Kansas Stock
William Huggins	Kansas Cabinet
Elaine Kerbs	Kansas Upfitting
Donna Kimmel	Mobile Home Finance
Jay Leakey	Kansas Framing
Charles Little	Kansas Mill
Edward Miller	Kansas Stock
Forrest Mettling	Kansas Framing
Robert Murphy	Kansas Metal
Marion Maynard	Kansas Framing
Melvin Pinkston	Kansas Framing
Robert Phillips	Kansas Framing
Patricia Palmer	Mobile Home Finance
Doris Parks	Mobile Home Finance
Gordon Rayl	Kansas Stock
Lyle Shafer	Kansas Upfitting
Clara Solomon	Mobile Home Finance
Carman Stone	Mobile Home Finance
Sandra Ulsh	Mobile Home Finance
Charles Wilson	Kansas Metal
Larry Yeager	Kansas Framing
Gary Roth	St. Louis Advertising and Marketing

In addition to the above new employees, we wish to welcome back Chuck Schad of the St. Louis Accounting Department. 1st Lieutenant Schad just completed three years with the U. S. Army.

New Arrivals

Born to Carolyn and Robert Ingersoll a girl on July 31st. The young lady has been named Cheryl. Bob is employed in the St. Louis Metal Department.

Nola May and Bill Rumsey announced the arrival of Lisa Rose on August 11th. Bill is a Kansas Cabinet Department employee.

Glen Ronald is the name of the new arrival at the Patricia and Roy Pratt home. This young fellow claims July 25th as his birthday. Roy is a St. Louis Metal Department employee.

A boy was born to Emma and Harley Nisly on August 30th, and he has been named Dwight. Harley is a Kansas Cabinet Department employee.

On August 18th Michael Edward was born to Wilma and John Allen. John is a St. Louis Mill Department employee.

Bad habits are like a comfortable bed—easy to get into but hard to get out of—Unknown

You must look into people as well as at them—Lord Chesterfield



DETROITER MOBILE HOMES — ALMA ENTRY

TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Sam Peurach (Manager) Ken Pauson, Ken Catlin, Ray Tester, Leonard Malland, Ron Johnson, Don Recker, Bob Brady.

BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Bernard Lott, Carl Derry, Norm LaClare, Ed Schuffs, Bob Gibson.

Sports

Regional Champs

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With the golf season nearing its end, we at Detroit are fortunate in having another achievement by one of our associates, he being Cor Woodard of the Sales Department. As we predicted in early Spring, Cor triumphed in several golf matches and reached the semi finals for the club championship at Pine River Country Club, losing in a very close match.

Pounding the maples this year at Riviera Lanes in St. Louis we have a newly formed bowling team composed chiefly of security employees. The team is captained by Basil Pyle and other team members are Don Wales, Dale Bovee, Leo Moeggenborg, Bud Chaney, and Lee Dolloff. Another team will be entered in the name of St. Louis Agency, Inc. which will be captained by Jim Bronson. Other team members are Chuck Schad, Bob Kearney, Jim Wager, Dave Vincent, and Dick Benfield.

The ball players of both Detroit teams express their gratitude for the staunch support given to them by numerous Detroit employees at the games. Namely

some of the most avid were the Covell's, the Kanine's, the Agle's, the Pawson's, the McClintic's, the Sebastian's, Mary Short, Wanita Spencer, Janet Heck, and many others. It really helped.



MAYNARD DANKS

Kansas Upfitting Department

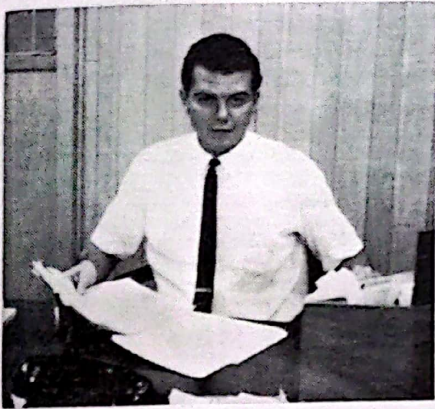
Maynard Danks, Kansas Upfitting Department Supervisor, has the enviable record of having been with Detroit under the present management since January 1, 1954. For three years preceding

this he was an employee of the Detroit Coach Company, which company was absorbed by our present organization. When operations began at the Kansas plant in August of 1959, Maynard was transferred there. With him went the 'know-how' gained in his years of association with mobile home manufacturing which fitted him for supervisory work at Kansas.

Maynard's family consists of his wife, Shalimar, better known as Shirley, and two sons, Alton who is 9 years of age, and Rickey 7. Maynard and his family are well known to St. Louis residents and St. Louis Detroit employees, and they say they are glad to have had the opportunity to add to this list the many friends they have made with Detroit families in Kansas and residents of the area. If Maynard's eyes seem to be a little brighter than those of other personnel transferred to Kansas, it may be due to the fact that when the Danks' lived in St. Louis their home was across the street from the plant, and over a period of years he has accumulated many more hours of sleep than other less fortunate employees who had to use these hours for driving to work and parking their cars.

Reporter Bob Zimmer who interviewed Maynard said that Maynard has no one particular hobby, but he does enjoy hunting, fishing, baseball, and basketball.

Did you hear about the new automobile that will soon make its appearance? It has five wheels, and they plan on calling it a V-hickle. This is as yet an unconfirmed rumor.



WILLIAM "BILL" MARTIN
Kansas Sales Department

Bill Martin is an energetic young zone manager in the Sales Department at Kansas. Prior to joining the Kansas Sales Department in February of this year Bill spent several months as a field representative working out of the St. Louis Sales Dept.

Bill grew up at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, attending Central Michigan University, but he now calls Kansas his home. His family consists of his wife, Dee Ann, (Beech) and infant daughter, Mindy. Bill likes to golf and also has the distinction of winning a trophy in his first season of league bowling competition.



M. R. McENTARFER

Kansas Security Department
(By Bob Zimmer)

M. R. McEntarfer is a familiar sight at the Kansas Plant between the hours of 12:00 Midnight and 8:00 A.M. where he is a Security Guard. "Mac", as he is better known, has been with the company since February of 1960.

Mas has spent most of his life in Hutchinson and before becoming a Detroit employee he spent 4 years with the City Police Department and 2 years as a photographer for television station KTVH. He is still interested in photography as a hobby and has many beautiful and scenic color slides.

The McEntarfer family consists of Mac,

KANSAS DRAPERY DEPARTMENT



From left to right: Wanda Clarke, Viola Avery, Elaine Kerbs, Pauline Lockwood, and Betty Davis.

The ladies pictured above add grace and charm to the Kansas Uppitting Department, in addition to putting the final touches (like no man could possibly do) on Detroiters leaving the plant.

his wife, Lamoine, who is employed by the Dillon Offices, his daughter, Karen, also a Dillon employee, and one son, Doug, a student. Not to be overlooked are the two sleek boxers. Many of the family's summer weekends are spent at a lake boating. With pheasant season in the not-so-far-off future will come another of Mac's pastimes.

Did You Know That...

Detroit's Vice President and General Manager at Kansas, Pete Smith, was recently honored by being chosen as a member of the board of trustees for Grace Hospital in Hutchinson, Kansas. We are pleased to see this honor go to Pete, and we know that he will not only serve the hospital well, but indirectly he will also

make many new friends for himself and Detroit.

During the month of August the Detroit St. Louis office lost the services of two girls who will be missed very much. Janet Heck of the Sales Department is embarking on a nurses training course at a school near Traverse City, Mich. Beverly Williams of the Shipping Department is at home awaiting a visit from the stork. Reporter Mary Green of the Sales Department tells us that the girls of the office had a farewell luncheon for Janet and Beverly at the Star Restaurant in St. Louis. Sharon Chapman is replacing Janet and Barbara Fleming is Beverly's replacement.

In a recent tax news bulletin there is an article on the Canadian television tax.
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OFFICE GIRL OF THE MONTH



GERALDINE EMERY
Kansas Invoicing Department

Geraldine Emery, Kansas Invoicing Department, is our Office Girl of the Month for the month of September. Geri, as she is known to her friends, was first employed in our Sales Department August 7, 1959, until January 19, 1960. She came back to work with us September 1, 1960, and is now in the Invoicing Dept. During Geri's leave of absence her son, Craig Allen, was born. He is now 16 months old and, needless to say, the joy of their household.

Geri's husband, Frank, is a Deputy in the Reno County Sheriff's Office and is a part time student at Hutchinson Junior College.

A native of Kansas, Geri is a staunch Republican. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church and sings in the choir. Her hobbies, according to Bob Zimmer who interviewed her, are horseback riding and hunting with her husband.

Did You Know That...

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The boundary line between the United States and Canada at the border towns of Rock Island, Quebec, and Derby Line, Vermont, divides certain houses so that a portion of each of these houses is in the U. S. and the rest in Canada. To avoid paying the Canadian television tax, television sets are placed in rooms over the line in the U. S. and television antennas are mounted on the roof section which is in the U. S. territory. And it's all legal. This is one tax which we Americans do not pay—yet.

Instead of being one big happy family at the St. Louis Office, it is now one bigger happier family since the offices of Mobile Home Finance Company were moved to St. Louis about the middle of August. Many of the employees of Mobile Home Finance Company were known to Detroit

employees only through telephone conversations, and as it was suspected right along—they are just as pleasant in person as on the phone. We welcome this segment of the Detroit family to St. Louis. As a part of this welcome, on August 15th the girls of the St. Louis office provided a lunch at noon in the St. Louis office, for the Finance girls. This served as a means to leisurely introduce one another as well as providing an enjoyable meal and the opportunity to become better acquainted.

Leo Moeggenborg, St. Louis Security Supervisor, has requested that we put a note of thanks in this issue to Detroit management and employees for the flowers and cards received during his stay at the hospital the early part of August. There, Leo, it's done. And we know we can also say without fear of contradiction that you are entirely welcome.

Over the Labor Day week end several of the men from the St. Louis plant went together on a fishing trip to Ontario, Canada. The lakes fished were Sideburn and Highbrush which are about 25 miles S.W. of Chapleau, Ontario, and 512 miles from St. Louis. It was a long way to go to fish, but they ended up with plenty of fish to eat, and brought home some samples to prove they were out fishing. Outside of Marion Kelly's cast into a high tree which involved some fancy tree climbing to retrieve and Ed Harper's losing a bet, this trip was a successful one. Making the trip were Charles Agle, Jr., Stock Dept.; Darrel Agle, Window Dept.; Ronald Oswald, Span-O Dept.; Norman LaClair, Finish Dept.; Marion Kelly, Upfitting Dept.; Edward Harper, Finish Dept.; and Chas. Agle, Sr., Metal Dept. Chas. Agle, Sr. didn't lose his rod in the lake this year. He had it tied to his wrist.

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There's nothing to figuring out these new limited access freeways, especially the one which runs between Alma and St. Louis. Just ask Ron Murray, St. Louis Accounts Payable Supervisor, or Dick Waggoner, St. Louis Engineer. On August 17th when a new section opened up for traffic, Ron and Dick figured they might as well take a short cut by using the new highway. They got on alright, but failed to recognize the proper exit and before they realized it they were well on the way to Lansing, but they did catch another exit and managed to get to work a little late and a little less sure of their highway prowess.

Getting the Finance Company's office equipment and records to St. Louis was no problem, but getting the employees to St. Louis was not without incident. Lucille Convey started for St. Louis and was well on her way to the Straits of Mackinaw before she realized she missed the tar-

get. Pat Gaffney got to St. Louis alright, but in returning to Drayton Plains went via Grand Rapids, and the normally two hour trip she easily made in four hours.

This is a fish story. What makes it a fish story is not that the fish got away, or that it was heavier than usual, but that it was a case of mistaken identity. Our President, Mel Hutchinson, and Chief Pilot, Jack Decker, edged out an hour or so on a recent week end from a busy schedule and went fishing. Everything was calm until a fish hit Mel's bait, and after one broken paddle and a badly twisted net the fish was landed. Jack very excitedly said "Isn't that a beautiful black bass," and Mel didn't deny it. The story should end here but it doesn't. It ended back on shore where a kill joy (Pilot Harold Sommers) calmly inquired why they didn't kill the dog fish and throw it overboard.